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## Federal Transit Administration

### Privacy Act of 1974 DOT/FTA 196, Transit Planning and Research (TTS) Mailing List

The Department of Transportation (DOT) proposes to add a new record system to its inventory of systems of records notices.

Any person or agency may submit written comments on the proposed system to the Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration, Attn: Henry Nejako, TTS-5, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Comments to be considered must be received by March 10, 1995.

If no comments are received, the proposed system will become effective on the above mentioned date. If comments are received, the comments will be considered and where adopted, the document will be republished with the change.

Issued in Washington, DC January 20, 1995.

**Melissa J. Allen,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Administration.*

### Narrative Statement for the Department of Transportation Federal Transit Administration

The Federal Transit Administration proposes to add the record system, DOT/FTA 196 Office of Technical Assistance and Safety (TTS) Mailing List. The purpose of the system is the administrative management of a mailing list of those individuals and businesses interested in technical information available from the Federal Transit Administration.

The authority for the maintenance of this system is 49 U.S.C. 5312(a). Authority to conduct research, development and demonstration projects implies the duty to disseminate results of those projects to interested persons. An automated list is essential to dissemination.

Individuals interested in receiving technical information from FTA disclose the subject information to a federal agency; therefore this system presents no undue threat to privacy rights of individuals.

A description of the steps taken to safeguard these records is given under the appropriate heading of the **Federal Register** system of records notice.

No changes to existing procedural or exemption rules are required for this proposed new system.

The purpose of this report is to comply with the Office of Management and Budget Circular, A-130, Appendix I, dated June 25, 1993.

#### DOT/FTA 196

##### SYSTEM NAME:

Office of Technical Assistance & Safety (TTS) Mailing List.

##### SYSTEM LOCATION:

Department of Transportation (DOT), Federal Transit Administration (FTA), Office of Technical Assistance & Safety, Office of Program Management Staff, TTS-5, 400 7th Street NW., room 6431, Washington, DC 20590.

##### CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

Individuals interested in technical information about transit issues.

##### CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

Individual's name, business address, telephone number, fax number, areas of interest, organization type, job type, date of last update.

##### ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

For technical information dissemination. See Prefatory Statement of General Routine Uses.

##### POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

##### STORAGE:

Records are maintained in a master computer file by a contractor and a working file in FTA.

##### RETRIEVABILITY:

Access by computer terminal by any item.

##### SAFEGUARDS:

Available for use under the control of the Mailing List Manager.

Computer file is protected by password logon and access rights to data file.

##### RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

Records are retained until notified that individual no longer desires information and then record is destroyed.

##### SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:

Director, Program Management Staff, TTS-5, Federal Transit Administration (FTA), Office of Technical Assistance & Safety, Program Management Staff, TTS-5, 400 7th Street SW., room 6431, Washington, DC 20590.

##### NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:

Inquiries are addressed to the Program Management Staff, TTS-5 (address same as system manager).

##### RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

Same as above.

##### CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

Same as above.

##### RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

Conference registration lists, Post Office return forms, letter and/or verbal request to be placed on mailing list and other DOT/FTA mailing lists.

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## Federal Highway Administration

### Environmental Impact Statement: Jefferson and Shelby Counties, Alabama

**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and a Major Investment Study (MIS) will be prepared for a proposed highway project in Jefferson and Shelby Counties, Birmingham, Alabama.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Joe D. Wilkerson, Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, 500 Eastern Boulevard, suite 200, Montgomery, Alabama 36117-2018, telephone (334) 223-7370.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FHWA, in cooperation with the Alabama Department of Transportation, will prepare an EIS/MIS for a proposed freeway/expressway facility within the U.S. 280 corridor extending approximately 16.09 kilometers (10 miles) from E.B. Stephens Expressway in Jefferson County to just east of Alabama State Route 119 in Shelby County. Improvements to the corridor are considered necessary to provide for the existing and projected traffic demand.

Alternatives under consideration include: (1) Taking no action, (2) conventional six-lane urban freeway with parallels service roads, (3) a four-lane raised toll facility within the right-of-way and along the sides of a six-lane arterial facility, (4) others build alternatives which may be developed through the MIS process, and (5) alternate travel demand strategies such as transit, carpooling, and vanpooling which may also be considered in

conjunction with proposed infrastructure improvements.

Letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments will be sent to the appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies and officials. A public information meeting and a public hearing will be held. Public notice will be given of the time and place of the meeting and hearing. The Draft EIS/MIS will be made available for public and agency review and comment. No formal scoping meeting is planned at this time.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action are addressed and all significant issues identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action and the EIS/MIS should be directed to FHWA at the address provided above.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistant Program Number 20.205, Highway, Research, Planning, and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding inter-governmental consultation of Federal programs and activities apply to this program).

**Joe D. Wilkerson,**

*Division Administrator, Montgomery, Alabama.*

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## Research and Special Programs Administration

### Pipeline Safety User Fees

[Docket No. PS-138; Notice 1]

**AGENCY:** Research and Special Programs Administration, (RSPA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of agency action and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces proposed changes in administering user fee assessments for natural gas, liquefied natural gas, and hazardous liquid pipeline facilities beginning with fiscal year 1995 (October 1, 1994) and solicits public comment on these changes.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before March 6, 1995: Comments may be mailed to the Dockets Branch, Room 8421, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. All comments and docket material may be reviewed in the Dockets Branch, room 8426, Between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, except federal holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lisa C. Kokoszka, (202) 366-4554 regarding the subject matter of this notice, or the Dockets Unit, (202) 366-5046, regarding

copies of this notice or other material that is referenced herein.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. Background:

Section 60301 of Title 49, United States Code<sup>1</sup> authorizes the assessment and collection of pipeline user fees to fund the pipeline safety activities conducted under Chapter 601 of that title<sup>2</sup>. The Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA) assesses each operator of regulated interstate and intrastate natural gas transmission pipelines (as defined in 49 CFR part 192), and hazardous liquid pipelines carrying petroleum, petroleum products, anhydrous ammonia and carbon dioxide (as defined in 49 CFR part 195), a share of the total Federal pipeline safety program costs in proportion to the number of miles of pipeline each operator has in service. The fee schedule for LNG facilities is based on the number of facilities each operator has in service and total storage capacity of those facilities.

RSPA is authorized to collect an amount equal to or 105% of the annual Congressional appropriation for pipeline safety. The fiscal year 1995 appropriation is \$37.424 million.

#### II. Administrative Clarifications and Proposals

RSPA is proposing several program clarifications and administrative changes described below. These proposals will insure that all operators are aware of the effects of certain terms and procedures on administering the program by the Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS). The public is specifically invited to comment on these proposals.

##### A. Definition of "In Service"

The annual assessment is for those gas transmission and hazardous liquid pipelines which are "in service". Over the last year some operators have requested clarification of the term "in service" as it pertains to calculating total mileage subject to assessment. As used in the assessment letter, the term "in service" applies to each pipeline that is: transporting a regulated commodity, or that has transported a regulated commodity and has not been abandoned during the assessment year,

<sup>1</sup> Formerly, section 7005 of the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 (Pub.L. 99-272). The change in citation is the result of the enactment, on July 5, 1994, of Pub. L. 103-272, which recodified various transportation laws.

<sup>2</sup> Formerly, the Natural Gas Pipeline Safety Act of 1968 and the Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Safety Act of 1979. This change in citation is the result of the enactment, on July 5, 1994, of Pub.L. 103-272, which codified various transportation laws.

October 1 through September 30. This would mean that in order to be taken "out of service" a pipeline must be abandoned in accordance with applicable pipeline safety regulations found in 49 CFR Parts 192 and 195.

##### B. Procedures for Correcting Previous Mileage Reported

On occasion, operators discover that they have incorrectly reported their actual mileage or storage capacity. The operators may claim that these errors go back several years. Because the total collected is apportioned among all pipeline operators, a change in one operator's amount could conceivably affect the amount owed by all other pipeline operators. Therefore, RSPA has determined that adjustments of assessments will only be allowed for the current assessment year.

Reporting errors must be sent in writing to the Information Resources Manager, Research and Special Programs Administration, Office of Pipeline Safety, room 2335, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Gas operators should also submit a supplemental RSPA form 7100.2-1.

##### C. Assessment Procedures

Under the regulations implementing 31 U.S.C. 3717, governing debts owed to the Federal government, assessments are due 30 days after the date of the assessment. If payment cannot be made in full within the 30 day time frame, partial payments, installments, or extensions may be granted upon written request to the User Fee Manager, room 2335, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Interest, penalties, and administrative charges will be assessed on delinquent debts.

User fees are deposited in the Pipeline Safety Fund (the Fund) and since 1987, OPS expenditures have been made using appropriations from the Fund. Because in prior years OPS appropriations were lower than the Fund balance, RSPA was able to collect user fees late in each fiscal year (FY). However, the FY 1995 appropriation exceeds the amount currently in the Fund (approximately \$17 million), and future appropriations are likely to also exceed the amount in the Fund. Therefore, in order for OPS to have assured funding to operate without a shortfall later in the fiscal year, RSPA will need to collect user fees earlier. RSPA proposes to phase in the earlier assessment over a period of four years, as follows: